

# Jones Falls Expressway Emergency Work

Beginning Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, the left lane in both southbound/northbound of the Jones Falls Expressway will be closed for emergency utility repairs. The work location is near the interchange 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Druid Park Lake Drive. The lane closures are needed for emergency repairs to collapsed drainage pipes that are located underneath the expressway and have caused significant washout and undermining conditions. Once the closures are implemented, they will remain in effect until construction is complete, which is expected to take up to six to eight weeks. However, the duration of construction is uncertain at this time, and the lane closures could extend beyond this period.

The remaining two lanes in each direction will **not** provide sufficient capacity to accommodate traffic demand and accordingly, **severe** congestion will result unless there is a significant traffic diversion. Motorists, especially those who use the facility during the critical hours of 6:30 to 10 AM (in the inbound direction) or 3 to 7 PM (in the outbound direction) are **STRONGLY** urged to utilize the Transit Options or use alternate routes.

There are approximately 120,000 vehicles that travel along the Jones Falls Expressway each day. During peak travel times, about 6,000 vehicles utilize the JFX every hour. Closing one lane of traffic will decrease capacity to about 4,000 cars. It will be important that motorists take alternate routes to alleviate congestion and back-ups that will occur during construction.

The Jones Falls Expressway was originally constructed back in 1961 and major deck replacements occurred in 1987.

**TRANSIT OPTIONS:** The MTA operates the Metro which serves Northwest Baltimore City and County, and the Central Light Rail which serves points north. Note that the Metro and Light Rail are completely unaffected by traffic conditions. In addition there are several express and local bus options. Transit information is available at **410-539-5000** or at **[www.mtamaryland.gov](http://www.mtamaryland.gov)**.

**ALTERNATE ROUTES:** For those who continue drive, there are a number of alternate routes that can be utilized:

- For motorists coming to or from Northwest Baltimore or northwest Baltimore County (including Pikesville, Reisterstown and Randallstown), the alternate routes are Liberty Road/Liberty Heights Avenue, Reisterstown Road and Park Heights Avenue.

- For motorists coming to or from North Baltimore City or County (including Towson, Timonium and Cockeysville), the alternate routes are Charles Street, York Road and Loch Raven Boulevard.
- For motorists coming to or from Northeast Baltimore city and County (including Parkville, Overlea and Perry Hall), the alternate routes are Hillen Road/Perring Parkway, Harford Road and Belair Road.

Detailed descriptions of each route between Downtown Baltimore and the Beltway are listed below:

### **NORTHWEST ROUTES:**

#### **LIBERTY ROAD/LIBERTY HEIGHTS AVENUE:**

**INBOUND:** From the beltway (I-695), follow Liberty Road eastward. At the City Line (near Northern Parkway) it becomes Liberty Heights Avenue. Proceed to Reisterstown Road (just past Mondawmin Mall) where Liberty Heights Avenue makes a bend to the left.

**To Downtown:** Several blocks ahead, turn right onto Auchentoroly Terrace. Keep to the right and follow as the roadway becomes Druid Hill Avenue. Several blocks past Martin Luther King Blvd., Druid Hill Avenue becomes Centre Street which intersects Cathedral and St. Paul Streets which connect to the Central Business District.

**OUTBOUND:** Travel north from the Central Business District on Calvert or Charles Streets and turn left on Madison Street and proceed until it becomes McCulloh Street. Proceed past Gwynns Falls Parkway and the Conservatory to Liberty Heights Avenue, turn left and head west to the beltway.

#### **REISTERSTOWN ROAD:**

**INBOUND:** From the beltway (I-695), follow Reisterstown Road south. Proceed past the intersection with Druid Park Drive (the intersection is known as “Park Circle”.) Turn left at the next traffic signal onto Auchentoroly Terrace. Proceed as in “To Downtown” above.

**OUTBOUND:** Travel north from the Central Business District on Charles or Calvert Streets and turn left onto Madison Street and proceed until it becomes McCulloh Street. Continue until it merges with Reisterstown Road. Keep in the two left lanes and proceed through Park Circle and continue northwest on Reisterstown Road to the beltway.

#### **PARK HEIGHTS AVENUE:**

**INBOUND:** From the beltway (I-695), follow Park Heights Avenue south. At Park Circle, proceed south on Reisterstown Road. At the next traffic signal, turn left onto Auchentoroly Terrace and proceed as in “To Downtown” above.

**OUTBOUND:** Travel north from the Central Business District on Calvert or Charles Streets and turn left onto Madison Street and proceed until it becomes McCulloh Street. Continue until it merges with Reisterstown Road. Keep in the right two lanes, proceed through Park Circle and continue on Park Heights Avenue to the beltway.

### **NORTH ROUTES:**

#### **CHARLES STREET:**

**INBOUND:** From the beltway (I-695), travel south past Cold Spring Lane to St. Paul Street and turn left. Follow St. Paul Street to the Central Business District.

**OUTBOUND:** From Downtown, follow Calvert Street north to University Parkway and bear left. Proceed one block and bear right onto St. Paul Street. Follow St. Paul Street north until it ends at Charles Street. Proceed north onto Charles Street to the beltway.

#### **YORK ROAD/GREENMOUNT AVENUE:**

**INBOUND:** From the beltway (I-695), proceed south on York Road. South of Cold Spring Lane the road becomes Greenmount Avenue. Pass Monument Street where the road turns to the left and becomes Forrest Street. Turn Right onto Hillen Street and proceed south to the Central Business District.

**OUTBOUND:** From the Central Business District, proceed north on Gay Street past I-83. Turn left onto Forrest Street. Proceed for one block, then follow the road as it bears right and becomes Greenmount Avenue. Follow as it becomes York Road and proceed to the beltway.

**NOTE: You will encounter road construction along this route in Baltimore City.**

#### **LOCH RAVEN BOULEVARD:**

**INBOUND:** From the beltway (I-695), proceed south on Loch Raven Boulevard.

OPTION A: Turn right onto 25<sup>th</sup> Street and turn left on Greenmount Avenue or Maryland Avenue and proceed south to the Central Business District;

OPTION B: Turn right onto 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and turn left onto St. Paul Street and proceed to the Central Business District.

**OUTBOUND:** Proceed north from the Central Business District. Turn right onto 25<sup>th</sup> OR 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, head eastward and turn left onto Loch Raven. Proceed to the beltway.

**NOTE: You will encounter road construction along this route in Baltimore City.**

## **NORTHEAST ROUTES:**

### **HARFORD ROAD:**

**INBOUND:** From the beltway (I-695), proceed south on Harford Road. Turn right onto 20<sup>th</sup> street and then left onto Aisquith Street. Proceed as the road becomes Ensor Street and Hillen Street. Follow Hillen Street to the Central Business District.

**OUTBOUND:** From the Central Business District, proceed north on Gay Street which becomes Ensor Street, Harford Avenue and Harford Road. Proceed to the beltway.

### **HILLEN ROAD/PERRING PARKWAY:**

**INBOUND:** From the beltway, proceed south on Perring Parkway. It will become Hillen Road and will end at Harford Road. Follow Harford Road inbound as above.

**OUTBOUND:** Follow "Outbound Harford Road." Turn left onto Hillen Road. Proceed until it becomes Perring Parkway and continue to the beltway.

### **BELAIR ROAD:**

**INBOUND:** From the beltway, proceed southwest on Belair Road (US Route 1). At North Avenue, continue onto Gay Street and follow as directed onto Preston Street. Just past Harford Avenue, turn left onto Aisquith Street, proceed onto Ensor and Hillen Streets to the Central Business District.

**OUTBOUND:** From the Central Business District, proceed north on Gay Street which becomes Ensor Street and Harford Road. Turn right onto Biddle Street. Just beyond Broadway, bear left onto Gay Street. Follow Gay Street which becomes Belair Road and proceed to the beltway.